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# Park Summer Camps Engage “Tweens” Outdoors

With summer camp planning a springtime priority, the Fairfax County Park Authority is attempting to make it easier for parents and fun for children by creating camp programs perfect for youngsters that are too young to stay alone, and too old for day care. These camp programs, set at five nature centers are perfect for “tweens” with an appreciation for the great outdoors.

At the five-day Junior Naturalist camp children, nine to 11 years of age, can participate in a variety of outdoor activities designed to stimulate their interest in the natural world and breathe life into history. The camp is offered at three locations for \$85 per child and one five-day session at Walney Visitor Center with an overnight for \$95 per child. Phone or walk-in registration begins on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 9 am.

Junior Naturalist camp will take place at:

- Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annandale, July 11-15, 9:30am-12:30pm. Call 703-941-1065.
- Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield, July 11-15, 9:30am-12:30pm. Call 703-451-9588.
- Riverbend Park in Great Falls, July 18-22, 9:30am-12:30pm. Call 703-759-9018.
- Walney Visitor Center in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly, July 18-22, 9:30am-12:30pm. Call 703-631-0013.

The Park Authority has also scheduled two camps that offer children opportunities for nighttime investigations. Hands-on exploration, hikes and activities will reveal the secrets of the night. At Riverbend Parks’ Night Prowlers campers, seven to 10 years of age, will explore wildlife of the night such as insects, amphibians, bats and so much more! This five-day session will be held at Riverbend Park in Great Falls from August 1-5, 5:30-8:30pm for \$85 per child. For information call 703-759-9018. During Hidden Pond’s Nocturnal Naturalists Camp children, eight to 10 years old, will explore the park’s wetlands and forests to observe and identify critters who roam the park after dark. This five-day session will be held at Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield from August 1-5, 7-10pm for \$85 per child. For information call 703-451-9588. Phone or walk-in registration for both of these camps begins on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 9 am.

For information about a wide variety of summer camp programs visit the Fairfax County Park Authority at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks).

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